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*In re* APPLICATION OF: )  
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FOR: RADIATION-MODIFIED POLY (TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE) RESIN FEEDS AND A  
 PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified new application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, following the title, please add the following new paragraph;

--This application is based upon and claims the benefit of priority from Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-053495, filed February 28, 2001, the entire contents of this application are incorporated herein by reference--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please delete Claims 6-8 and insert the following Claims therein:

- 9. The process according to claim 4, wherein the ionizing radiation is selected from electron beams, x-rays,  $\gamma$ -rays, neutron beams and high-energy ions which are used either independently or in admixture.
- 10. The process according to claim 5, wherein the ionizing radiation is selected from electron beams, x-rays,  $\gamma$ -rays, neutron beams and high-energy ions which are used either independently or in admixture.
- 11. The process according to claim 4, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is in powder form.
- 12. The process according to claim 5, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is in powder

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form.

13. The process according to claim 9, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is in powder form.

14. The process according to claim 10, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is in powder form.

15. The process according to claim 4, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

16. The process according to claim 5, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

17. The process according to claim 9, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

18. The process according to claim 10, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

19. The process according to claim 11, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

20. The process according to claim 12, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with

solvents.

21. The process according to claim 13, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.

22. The process according to claim 14, wherein the poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin feed is a dried powder of poly (tetrafluoroethylene) resin obtained by emulsion polymerization or suspension polymerization, which is optionally granulated or dispersed uniformly in solvents or wetted with solvents.--

#### REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments to indicate the priority claim and the changes made to the claims to remove multiple dependency prior to the charging of the filing fee and examination of the newly filed patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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